

## Petition of Dependency Status Review

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Financial Aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of the students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using both you and your parent(s') income and asset information and you are required by law to provide parental information and signatures. The unwillingness of your parent(s) to provide parental data of your unwillingness to seek financial assistance from your parent(s) is not an acceptable reason to appeal your dependency status. Similarly, your living situation (whether you live with your parent(s) or not) or tax filing status does not affect the dependency status.

Occasionally, students can be considered independent due to the usual circumstances (for example students who have been separated from their families due to an unsafe environment). If you can document that you should be considered an independent student, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information.

Please complete the following items in support of your request:

1. Explain the unusual circumstances that you think make you an independent student.

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2. Identify the location of both of your parents:

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents – when, where and the nature of the contact.

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4. Describe how you have been self-supporting -- how have you provided for yourself?

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5. Provide statements from two responsible adults who are aware of your situation. Statement from teachers, guidance counselors, members of the clergy are acceptable. Statements from family members are not acceptable. These statements must include as much detail (dates, circumstances) as possible. Copies of appropriate court documents are also acceptable.

5a. Please provide the following information for each of the individuals submitting documents on your behalf (name, address, and relationship to you):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_